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ARMY ORDERS.

Army Orders Nos. 264 to 268 have been published during the month of August, 1917.

Published on the 10th August, 1917.

ROYAL WARRANT.

I.—Pay and Allowances of Officers and Men of the **A.O. 264**
Cavalry. **1917.**

GEORGE R.I.

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Gen. No.
4462

WHEREAS We deem it expedient to amend the conditions under which pay and allowances are granted to the Cavalry of Our Regular Army, Special Reserve and Territorial Force ;

OUR WILL AND PLEASURE IS that Our Warrant of the 26th September, 1916, regarding the pay of the Yeomanry of Our Territorial Force shall be cancelled, from the date of this Our Warrant.

OUR FURTHER WILL AND PLEASURE is that from the date of this Our Warrant an officer commissioned or a recruit enlisted and posted to a Cavalry unit (other than Our Household Cavalry) of Our Regular Army, Special Reserve or Territorial Force, after the date on which an order is issued by competent authority for that unit to serve or be trained as an Infantry or Cyclist unit, shall receive pay and allowances at the rates and subject to the conditions prescribed for an officer or soldier of the same or of corresponding rank in Our Infantry of the Line, until such time as the unit in which he is serving is again mounted or until he is transferred to a mounted unit.

IT IS OUR FURTHER WILL AND PLEASURE that a serving officer or soldier who is posted or transferred to a Cavalry unit (other than Our Household Cavalry) which is serving as an Infantry or Cyclist unit shall not be entitled to pay as a Cavalry officer or soldier by virtue of such posting or transfer ; but that nothing in

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A.O. 264 this, Our Warrant, shall preclude officers and soldiers
1917 of a Cavalry unit who are transferred, other than at
continued. their own request, to a dismounted Cavalry unit, or
who are serving in such unit at the date it becomes
dismounted, from retaining the pay and allowances of
which they were formerly in receipt, or of receiving
such pay and allowances as they would have been
entitled to on promotion if they had continued to
serve with a Cavalry unit not so dismounted.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this 6th
day of August, 1917, in the 8th year of
Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

DERBY.

A.O. 265. II.—Silver War Badge.—1. In view of the provisions
1917. of the Military Service (Review of Exceptions) Act, 1917, His Majesty the King has been pleased to approve
of the amendment of the conditions governing the
award of the Silver War Badge granted under Army
Orders 316 of 1916, and 50 of 1917.

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Gen. No.
2360

2. Under the amended conditions the badge will,
subject in every case to the approval of the Army
Council, be issued only to the individuals specified below,
who have served with the military forces subsequent to
the 4th August, 1914:—

(a) Those who, having served as officers *and being still
of military age*, have retired, resigned or re-
linquished their commissions:—

- (i) After service overseas in the armed Forces
of the Crown, on account of disable-
ment or ill-health caused otherwise than
by misconduct.
- (ii) After service at Home, and have been
medically examined and finally dis-
charged from liability to further
military service under sub-section (5) of
Section 1 of the Military Service (Review
of Exceptions) Act, 1917, as permanently
and totally disabled, otherwise than
from misconduct.

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- (b) Those who, having served as soldiers *and being still of military age*, have been discharged under the conditions set forth at (i) and (ii) in (a). A.O. 265
1917
continued.
- (c) Those who, having served as officers *and being now over military age*, have retired, resigned or relinquished their commissions.
- (d) Those who, having served as soldiers *and being now over military age*, have been discharged otherwise than for misconduct.
- (e) Civilians who have served with the Royal Army Medical Corps under a fixed agreement for a period of service, or who have been employed with the army overseas (provided such employment received official sanction), who have resigned their military employment on account of wounds or sickness, and who, if of military age, have received a final discharge under subsection (5) of section 1 of the said Act.
- (f) Nurses and members of Voluntary Aid Detachments who have been discharged on account of old age, wounds, or sickness, such as would render them permanently unfit for further service.

3. The expression "Served Overseas in the Armed Forces of the Crown" is to be interpreted as follows:—

- (a) "Served Overseas" is intended to cover the cases of all those who have served out of the United Kingdom (that is Great Britain and Ireland, including the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man). It will apply to all those who have served in the Naval Forces of the Crown at Sea.
- (b) "Armed Forces of the Crown" will include the Royal Naval service, the Royal Marines, any of His Majesty's Regular, Reserve or Auxiliary Forces, and any of the Expeditionary Forces raised by the Governments of His Majesty's Dominions.

4. The expression "Military age" is as defined in the Military Service Acts.

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Published on the 14th August, 1917.

<p>A.O. 266. 1917.</p>	<p>III.—Rules of Procedure—Provisional Amendments.—His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve of the following amendments being made in the Rules of Procedure, 1907 :—</p>	<p>110 Gen. No. 3299</p>
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Table to 130 (A), page 44. (i.) Under "Group III. (South African)" *after* "Orange River Colony" *insert*

"Southern Rhodesia
Northern Rhodesia."

(ii.) Under "Group IV. (West African)" *insert* "Nigeria" and *delete* "Lagos". (iii.) *After* "Group VII. Channel Islands and Isle of Man" *insert*—

"Group VIII.
(East African).

<p>A.O. 266. 1917.</p>	<p>East Africa, including— East Africa Protectorate. Nyasaland Protectorate. Somaliland Protectorate. Uganda Protectorate. Zanzibar Protectorate."</p>	<p>Any place in Groups I—VIII.</p>
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<p>A.O. 267. 1917.</p>	<p>IV.—Presentation of Medals awarded for Gallant Conduct or Meritorious Service.—1. Medals awarded to soldiers for gallant conduct or meritorious service will be presented on parades held under instructions from the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Command in which the recipients are domiciled, when the individuals to whom the medals have been granted are stationed, or are on leave, in the United Kingdom.</p>	<p>68 Gen. No. 2591</p>
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2. Presentation by municipal and other local authorities and societies will be at the discretion of the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Command concerned, who will either sanction the presentations or arrange for the medals to be presented at military parades.

3. Medals presented to soldiers under this Army Order may, if desired by recipients, be retained, provided that the soldier signs a receipt, which will be placed with his original attestation paper, also a declara-

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tion that in the event of the medal being lost, stolen or destroyed, no claim for replacement will be made against the public. A.O. 267
1917
continued.

4. In all other cases medals will remain in the custody of the Officer i/c Records whilst the soldier is on active service.

Published on the 18th August, 1917.

<div style="text-align: right;">22</div> <div style="border-top: 1px solid black; padding-top: 2px;">Retired Pay</div> <div style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;">287</div>	<p>V.—Royal Warrant for the Retired Pay of Officers disabled, and for the Pensions of the Families and Relatives of Officers deceased, and for the Pensions of Nurses disabled, in consequence of the present war.—Attention is directed to the Royal Warrant, dated 1st August, 1917, printed as an Appendix to this Army Order, which has been received from the Ministry of Pensions.</p>	<div style="border-top: 1px solid black;">A.O. 268.</div> <div style="border-top: 1px solid black;">1917.</div>
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FOR THE FIRST TIME.**

ROYAL WARRANTS.

**A.O. 269. Indian Defence Force—Rank and Pay of Officers.
1917. GEORGE R.I.**

WHEREAS WE deem it expedient to provide for the manner in which certain officers holding temporary commissions in Our Army shall rank with other officers, and also to provide for their remuneration ;

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3698

OUR WILL AND PLEASURE IS that officers granted temporary commissions in Our Army whilst employed with the Indian Defence Force shall take rank and precedence below all other officers of the same rank.

Our Warrant of the 1st April, 1910 (as amended by subsequent Warrants), contained in paragraph 217 of the King's Regulations and Orders for the Army, shall be amended accordingly.

OUR FURTHER WILL AND PLEASURE IS that the remuneration, allowances, gratuities or compensation (if any) payable to such officers shall be in accordance with such regulations as may for these purposes be made by Our Commander-in-Chief in India.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this 23rd
day of August, 1917, in the 8th year of
Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

DERBY.

Tank Corps.

**A.O. 270. GEORGE R.I.
1917.**

WHEREAS WE have by Our Warrant of the 27th July, 1917, declared the Tank Corps to be a Corps for the purposes of the Army Act ;

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Tanks
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OUR WILL AND PLEASURE IS that the words "Tank Corps (including soldiers of the Territorial Force)" shall be inserted in Our Warrant of the 7th July, 1916, defining the expression "Corps." A.O. 270
1917
continued.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this 30th day of August, 1917, in the 8th year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

DERBY.

INSTRUCTIONS, REGULATIONS, &c.

012
2724 **Victoria Cross.**—A list of awards which were announced in the *London Gazette*, dated 5th July and 2nd and 11th August, 1917, will shortly be issued to all concerned. A.O. 271.
1917.

68
Gen. No.
3096
0137
4062 **Military Medal.**—Lists of awards which were announced in the *London Gazette*, dated 28th July and 16th and 21st August, 1917, will shortly be issued to all concerned. A.O. 272.
1917.

0137
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4062 **Distinguished Conduct Medal.**—Lists of awards which were announced in the *London Gazette*, dated 26th July and 16th August, 1917, will shortly be issued to all concerned. A.O. 273.
1917.

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Gen. No.
3110 **Meritorious Service Medal.**—1. The following have been awarded the annuity and medal for "Meritorious Service":— A.O. 274.
1917.

Serjeant J. Fryar, late 65th Foot.
Serjeant A. Malliott, late 1st Bn. 20th Foot.
Serjeant-Master Tailor J. Rawl, late Eastern Division, Royal Artillery.
Battery-Serjeant-Major O. Warren, late 3rd Brigade, Royal Artillery.

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Gen. No.
8096
0137
4062 2. Lists of awards which were announced in the *London Gazette*, dated 28th July, and 16th and 21st August, 1917, will shortly be issued to all concerned.

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A.O. 275. Recognition of Cadet Units.—1. The following
1917. additional Cadet units have been reported as recognized
 by Territorial Force Associations :—

9
 Cadets
 2390

Territorial Force Association.	Cadet unit.	Territorial Force unit to which affiliated.	Date of recognition by Association.
Denbighshire.	Higher Grade School (Colwyn Bay) Cadet Corps (4th Bn. Royal Welsh Fusiliers).	4th Bn. Royal Welsh Fusiliers.	1916. 20th Dec.
Dumbarton	1st (Dumbartonshire) Cadet Battalion, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.	9th (The Dumbartonshire) Bn. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.	1917. 1st May.
"	Hermitage School (Helenburgh) Cadet Corps.	9th (The Dumbartonshire) Bn. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.	15th May.
Essex ...	Orsett Cadets ...	6th Bn. Essex Regiment.	21st April.
" ...	Wickford Cadets ...	4th Bn. Essex Regiment.	21st April.
" ...	Monoux Grammar School Cadet Corps, Walthamstow.	7th Bn. Essex Regiment.	9th May.
" ...	Barking Cadet Corps	4th Bn. Essex Regiment.	16th June.
" ...	1st Cadet Company, Essex Royal Engineers.	Essex (Fortress) Royal Engineers.	27th June.
Glamorgan	Port Talbot County School Cadet Corps.	7th Bn. Welsh Regiment.	21st April.
Gloucester...	The St. George Secondary School Cadet Corps.	4th Bn. Gloucestershire Regt.	18th June.
"	Crypt Grammar School Cadet Corps.	5th Bn. Gloucestershire Regt.	18th June.
Lancashire (West).	1st Cadet Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.	4th Bn. Loyal North Lancashire Regt.	28th April.
Lancashire (East).	2nd Manchester Cadet Battalion, Church Lads' Brigade	...	13th April.

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Territorial Force Association.	Cadet unit.	Territorial Force unit to which affiliated.	Date of recognition by Association.	A.O. 275 1917 <i>continued.</i>
London, City of.	City of London Royal Engineers Cadet Training Corps.	...	1917. 6th July.	
London, County of.	The London Scottish Cadet Corps.	14th (County of London) Bn. The London Regt. (London Scottish).	19th April.	
"	11th London Cadet Battalion, The Boys' Brigade.	...	28th June.	
Nottinghamshire.	2nd Cadet Battalion, The Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regt.). Magnus Grammar School Cadet Corps.	8th Bn. Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regt.).	14th June.	
Somerset ...	2nd Cadet Corps, 4th Bn. Prince Albert's (Somerset Light Infantry).	4th Bn. Prince Albert's (Somerset Light Infantry).	11th July.	
Westmorland.	Aylwin College Cadet Company.	4th Bn. Border Regt.	27th April.	
York (West Riding).	Wakefield Grammar School Cadet Corps.	4th Bn. King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.	13th April.	

2. The following Cadet unit has been reported as recognized by the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief the Forces in Ireland :—

1st Cadet Corps, Royal Irish Fusiliers, recognized on the 3rd March, 1917.

NOTES.—1. The Southend High School Cadet Corps, recognized in Army Order 197 of 1910, has been re-organized into a battalion of four companies under the title of 7th Cadet Battalion, Essex Regiment.

2. St. Anne's School Cadet Company, recognized in Army Order 161 of 1911, has amalgamated with the 1st Cadet Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps, recognized in Army Order 65 of 1911.

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A.O. 275 3. George Green's School Cadet Corps, recognized in
1917 Army Order 125 of 1916, and Raines School (Stepney)
continued. Cadet Corps, recognized in Army Order 24 of 1917, have
 been amalgamated under the title of "3rd City of
 London Cadet Battalion."

4. The designation of the Upper Tooting High School
 Cadet Corps, recognized in Army Order 63 of 1914, will
 in future be the "Balham and Upper Tooting Cadet
 Company."

5. The Bolton Grammar School Cadet Corps,
 recognized in Army Order 225 of 1915, is affiliated to
 the 5th Bn. Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.

6. The organization of the Calday Grammar School
 Cadet Corps, recognized in Army Order 23 of 1916, has
 been increased to two companies.

7. The St. Mark's West Gorton Cadet Company
 (Church Lads' Brigade), recognized in Army Order 381
 of 1915, and the St. Cyprian's, Kirkmanshulme, Cadet
 Company, Church Lads' Brigade, recognized in Army
 Order 125 of 1916, have been absorbed into the 2nd
 Manchester Cadet Battalion, Church Lads' Brigade.

8. Ruthin School Cadet Corps, recognized in Army
 Order 188 of 1914, is affiliated to the 4th Bn. Royal
 Welsh Fusiliers.

9. The organization of the 1st Lanarkshire Cadet
 Battalion (Scottish Rifles), recognized in Army Order
 96 of 1916, has been increased to six companies.

10. The organization of the South-West London
 Cadet Battalion, recognized in Army Order 144 of 1914,
 and redesignated in Army Orders 160 of 1916 and 95
 of 1917, has been increased to eight companies.

11. Bishop Wordsworth's School Cadet Corps,
 recognized in Army Order 168 of 1917, is affiliated to
 the 1/4th Battalion Wiltshire Regiment.

A.O. 276. Recognition of Voluntary Aid Detachments.— 83
1917. A further list of detachments which have been 9510
 registered at the War Office is printed as an Appendix
 to this Order.

A.O. 277. Flying Pay of Observers, Royal Flying 48
1917. Corps.—1. It has been decided that from 2nd April, Misc.
 1917, inclusive, and during the remaining period of the 1479
 war, officers who are on the authorized establishment of
 observers, Royal Flying Corps, and have been graded
 as flying officers (observers), may be granted continuous
 flying pay at 5s. a day under the conditions governing

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the issue of the 8s. rate to aeroplane pilots. It will thus be admissible while actively and continuously employed in aerial observation duty and during sick leave under the conditions laid down in Article 226, Pay Warrant, and Army Council Instruction 117 of 1917. A.O. 277
1917
continued.

2. This concession will apply to officers who are prisoners of war, interned or reported missing, provided that they were on the authorized establishment of qualified observers and graded as flying officers (observers) at the date they were taken prisoners, interned, or reported missing. Flying pay will not be issuable to such officers for any period during which they were interned, prisoners of war, or missing, prior to 2nd April, 1917, nor to any officers who were not within the establishment of qualified observers on the date of their capture or internment. Issue in the case of missing officers will be subject to Army Order 92 of 1915. The provisions of Army Order 198 of 1915 as regards the issue to officers drawing a lower rate of flying pay than 8s. when captured, &c., are modified accordingly.

3. Flying pay due under this Army Order will be issued at home by the Command Paymaster, Aldershot, and elsewhere by the Command Paymaster by whom the officer's allowances are issued, and claims should be accompanied by a certificate that the officer has been actively and continuously employed as an observer for the period for which flying pay is claimed.

4. In the case of claims in respect of sick leave, the claim will show the period for which the officer has been absent sick during the current financial year. In the case of flying officers (observers) who are captured, interned, or reported missing, the flying pay will be credited by the Command Paymaster at the Base in the same way as for the allowances provided for in Army Order 55 of 1915.

<p>48 <u>Gen. No.</u> 8868</p>	<p>Issue of additional emoluments under the Pay Warrant to officers of the Indian Army and to British Service officers in receipt of Indian rates of pay.—Subject to any specific provisions on this subject embodied in Army Regulations, India, emoluments under the Pay Warrant are inadmissible for officers of the Indian or British Armies concurrently with Indian rates of pay, except in the case of officers who, during the present emergency, are employed on flying duty with the Royal Flying Corps, or are undergoing training</p>	<p><u>A.O. 278.</u> <u>1917.</u></p>
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A.O. 278 in aviation. To the latter officers, flying pay under the
1917 Pay Warrant may be granted in addition to their
continued. Indian rates of pay.

This Army Order is not intended to preclude the issue to officers in receipt of Indian rates of pay of additional emoluments based on those provided in the Pay Warrant, and either specifically allowed by Indian Army Regulations or specially sanctioned by the India Office, with the approval of the Army Council, in the absence of specific provisions in those Regulations.

A.O. 279. Warrant Officers, Class II.—As some uncertainty
1917. appears to have been caused by Army Orders 70 of 1915 and 129 of 1916 regarding the status of warrant officers, Class II., it is notified for information that warrant officers, Class II., holding substantive rank, are warrant officers and not non-commissioned officers within the meaning of the Army Act.

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 2440

Warrant officers, Class II., therefore, are not to be regarded as non-commissioned officers within the meaning of King's Regulations, paragraph 493, and they cannot be punished by a commanding officer.

The Army Orders referred to above do not in any way limit the provisions of the Army Act relating to warrant officers, but are to be read subject to the Army Act.

A.O. 280. Pay Warrant—Amendment.—The Army Council's Instruction to Article 909 (b), promulgated in
1917. Army Order 48 of 1917, is hereby *cancelled* and the following *substituted* :—

30
 Engineers
 3307

A.O. 280. "§ Article 909 (b).—This additional pay will be limited to
1917. soldiers employed as telephone switchboard operators at military exchanges where not less than thirty extensions, private lines or tie-lines (exclusive of sub-extensions and of lines to the Post Office or Central Exchange) are installed and working."

A.O. 281. King's Regulations—Amendments.—1. For para-
1917. graph 673 *substitute* the following :—

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A.O. 281. 673. A court of inquiry under Section 72 of the
1917. Army Act for the purpose of determining the illegal absence of a soldier will be held in all cases (except in cases of absconded recruits) at the expiration of 21 clear days from the date of absence, or as soon after as practicable, unless, before such court of inquiry has been assembled, it has come to the knowledge of the

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soldier's C.O. that the soldier has been apprehended or has surrendered. In that case no court of inquiry will be held, and the facts of the soldier's absence and the deficiency (if any) of his clothing must be proved by oral evidence at any subsequent court-martial.

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continued.

Before declaring the deficiency of any arms, &c., a court of inquiry will satisfy itself by evidence that the absentee was, within a reasonable period of the date of absenting himself, in possession of the articles it finds to be deficient. The court will record the values of the unexpired wear of all articles of government property found to be deficient. A court of inquiry is not to be held on a man of the army reserve, unless he was subject to military law, as described in Section 176 (5) of the Army Act, at the time of the commission of his offence.

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Home
37 2. In the heading to paragraphs 1437 to 1440, after "Horses" add "(including Mules)":

3. For paragraph 1439 substitute—

1439. Horses' heads should all face in the same direction and be fastened by head ropes to the truck, whether the horses are harnessed or not.

A.O. 281
1917.

4. For paragraph 1440 substitute—

1440. If watering and feeding are to be carried out on the journey, the horses should be entrained so as to face the platform at which they are to be watered and fed.

A.O. 281
1917.

If there are not sufficient horses to fill a truck they should be closed up to one end and a sliding bar used to secure them.

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Gen. No.
7995 Allowance Regulations — Amendment — Paragraph 65, line 10. For "1 tin condensed milk = 1½ pints" substitute "1 oz. condensed milk = 3 ozs. ordinary milk"

A.O. 282.
1917.

110
Gen. No.
3307 Manual of Military Law — Amendment.—For Note 1 to Section 72, Army Act, substitute the following:—

A.O. 283.
1917.

1. In the event of a soldier being absent without leave for a period of 21 days, a court of inquiry must be assembled at once, unless before such court of inquiry has been assembled it has come to the knowledge of the soldier's C.O. that the soldier has been apprehended

A.O. 283.
1917.

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A.O. 283 or has surrendered. In that case no court of inquiry
1917 will be held, and the facts of the soldier's absence and
continued. the deficiency (if any) of his clothing must be proved by
 oral evidence at any subsequent court-martial (K.R. 673).
 No court of inquiry will be held in the case of absconded
 recruits. In calculating the period of 21 days, the day
 on which the soldier became absent and the day on
 which the court is assembled must be excluded from
 the reckoning.

A.O. 284. Rules for Military Detention Barracks 105
1917. and Military Prisons—Provisional Amendments.— Gen. No.
1883
 1. The special scale of rations promulgated by Army
 Order 145 of 1917 (as amended by Army Orders 154
 and 204 of 1917) for soldiers of Category A, will also
 be applicable to soldiers of Category B (i).
 In Army Orders 204 of 1917 (lines 4 and 10), and 241
 of 1917 (line 5), for "Category A" substitute "Categories
 A and B (i)."
 2. Until further orders, the construction of bridges 23
 will not form part of the course of military training Gen. No.
 detailed in Appendix I. (f), promulgated by Army 2753
 Order 71 of 1917.

A.O. 285. Musketry Regulations, Part I., 1909 (reprinted 104
1917. with Amendments, 1914)—Amendments.—1. At the Gen. No.
3774
 end of paragraph 242B (promulgated by Army Order 394
 of 1916) add "or holding the rifle with the left hand,
 press the cartridges down with the thumb of the right
 hand and draw the bolt-head forward with the little
 finger of the right hand."

2. Paragraph 256. Add new sub-paragraph as 121
 follows:— France
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A.O. 285. "iii. Firing while advancing. Bring the rifle to a
1917. horizontal position at the right side, butt above the
 pouch, seizing it at the small with the right hand and
 gripping the fore-end at the full extent of the left arm,
 back of hand uppermost, left thumb on right side of
 rifle.

Care must be taken that the rifle is kept horizontal.
 Firing will be carried out on the move without check-
 ing the pace; alignment should be kept as far as
 possible."

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<div style="text-align: right;">8</div> <div style="text-align: left;">Magazines</div> <div style="text-align: right;">47</div>	<p>Regulations for Magazines and Care of War Materiel, 1913—Amendments.—Paragraph 43. <i>After</i> “Alderney” <i>insert</i> “Ashford (Kent) ‘Ad.’”</p>	<p>A.O. 286 1917.</p>
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Section VI.—paragraph 110 (issued with Army Order 76 of 1917):—

Group II—Division IB, column 3. *After* “Cartridges, signal, Very,” *insert* “Cartridges, illuminating, various.”

Appendix VII (issued with Army Order 104 of 1917)—paragraph 19. *Insert* at end—

<div style="text-align: right;">75</div> <div style="text-align: left;">7</div> <div style="text-align: right;">9682</div>	<p>“(d.) D.A. and D.A. impact fuzes, and any other fuzes, that have been treated as above with luting, should, when removed from shell, be thoroughly cleaned of all traces of luting, and, if practicable, then be considered as ‘doubtful’ until proof has been carried out by an I.O.O.”</p>	<p>A.O. 286. 1917.</p>
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<p>Gen. No. 8</p> <div style="text-align: right;">699</div>	<p>General Instructions concerning Land, together with instructions to and matters concerning War Department Land Agents and Valuers.—This pamphlet has been approved and copies will shortly be issued to all concerned.</p>	<p>A.O. 287. 1917.</p>
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<p>A.C.D.</p> <div style="text-align: right;">Olo. Regs.</div> <div style="text-align: right;">1136</div>	<p>War Clothing Regulations.—Amendments have been approved and copies will shortly be issued to all concerned.</p>	<p>A.O. 288. 1917.</p>
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<div style="text-align: right;">120</div> <div style="text-align: left;">Home</div> <div style="text-align: right;">37</div>	<p>Field Service Regulations, Part I. Operations, 1909—Amendments.—Section 38.—In the heading <i>after</i> “horses” <i>add</i> “(including mules).”</p>	<p>A.O. 289. 1917.</p>
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Paragraph 3. *For* first 4 lines *substitute*—

“Horses’ heads should all face in the same direction and be fastened by head ropes to the truck, whether the horses are harnessed or not.”

For paragraph 4 *substitute*—

4. If watering and feeding are to be carried out on the journey, the horses should be entrained so as to face the platform at which they are to be watered and fed; nosebags should be filled and placed in the guard’s van.

Hay and straw should not be loaded in a truck conveying horses.

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A.O. 290. Certificate of Training applicable to Infantry 51
1917. Soldiers only.—When an infantry soldier embarks for 4274
 France, a certificate stating that he is trained and
 giving his special qualifications will be completed and
 pasted into Army Book 64. Indents for this certificate
 (Army Form W 3636) should be submitted in the usual
 way.

A.O. 291. Handbooks—(1) 303-inch Hotchkiss Machine Gun. 77
1917. —A provisional edition of this handbook has been 6
 prepared and a limited edition will shortly be issued to 4722
 all concerned.

(2) 303-inch Machine Guns and Small Arms.— 40
 This pamphlet has recently been revised and copies W.O.
 will shortly be issued to all concerned. 3288

A.O. 292. Gun Drills—1. 3-inch (20-cwt.) Q.F. A.A. Gun, 47
1917. Marks I. and III., on Fixed Mounting or on 647
 Travelling Platform (Provisional), 1917—Amend-
 ment.—Page 7, No. 8, and page 8, No. 9. After "gun"
 in second line of paragraph 1 in each case insert the
 following:—

A.O. 292. "He withdraws the round from the Ready Rack
1917. with his left hand, supporting the round with the
 palm of the right hand, back of the hand down,
 and hands it to 7 with the fuze foremost."

2. (i) 18-pr. Q.F. Gun, (ii) 4.5-inch Q.F. Howitzer, 40
 (iii) 13-pr. Q.F. Gun.—The following addition will be W.O.
 made to each of these Gun Drills:— 4175

In front of section headed "To change a damaged
 wheel" insert new section—

"To change rounds.

A.O. 292 At the order from the Section Commander 'Change
1917. Rounds'—

a. At detachment rear—

The front rank take a pace to the right, the rear
 rank a pace to the left, No. 1 a pace to the rear with

the right foot and to the left with the left foot ; the left-hand man of the rear rank takes a pace to the front. A.O. 292
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Thus : 1 becomes 2

2	"	4
3	"	1
4	"	6
5	"	3
6	"	8
7	"	5
8	"	9
9	"	7

continued.

b. In action—

1 becomes the highest number,

2 " 1
3 " 2, and so on."

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3. 18-pr. Q.F. H.A.—Page 6. Positions and duties in "Action". At the end of No. 2's duties *insert*—

"While the gun is being fired he will firmly hold the handle actuating the fuze scale to prevent the scale slipping on the shock of discharge". A.O. 292
1917.

At the end of No. 4's duties *insert*—

"While the gun is being fired he will firmly hold the handle actuating the vertical deflection scale to prevent the scale slipping on the shock of discharge". A.O. 292.
1917.

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Permanent Commissions in the Regular Army (Cavalry, Royal Artillery, Infantry and Army Service Corps).—The following amendments will be made in Army Order 295 of 1916, as amended by Army Order 167 of 1917 :—In paragraphs 2 (a), 3 (a), and in lines 6 and 10 of paragraph 5, for "nine months" substitute "ten months" * in all cases in which the date of the first commission is subsequent to the 29th August, 1916. A.O. 293.
1917.

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8763

Royal Military Academy and Royal Military College.—Antedate in the case of a Cadet who has previously served as an Officer.—The following amendment will be made in Army Order 166 of 1917 :—In paragraph 1, line 5 from end, for "nine months" substitute "ten months" * in all cases in which the date of the first commission is subsequent to the 29th August, 1916. A.O. 294.
1917.

* This period is provisional and is subject to increase or decrease according to the term of residence at the Royal Military Academy and Royal Military College.

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1917.**BOOKS, FORMS, &c.***Military Books.*

1. The following books have been placed on sale :—

	Price.
	s. d.
Cyclist Training (Provisional), 1917	0 6
Handbook for the .303-inch Vickers Machine Gun (Magazine Rifle Chamber), mounted on tripod mount- ings, Mark IV., 1917	0 5
Handbook of the 6-inch B.L. Guns, Marks VII. and VII.V on fixed mountings (Land Service), 1916 ...	0 11
List of Amendments to the Handbook of the .303-inch Lewis Machine Gun, Part I. (Provisional), 1915. (Issued with Army Orders, dated 1st August, 1917) ...	0 1
War Office Weekly Casualty List—	
No. 1, 7th August, 1917	} 0 3
No. 2, 14th August, 1917	
No. 3, 21st August, 1917	
	each.

Army Forms and Books approved.

2. The following new Army Forms and Book have been approved :—

Army Form W 3558, "Weekly notice to Forwarding Supervisors."

This form should be indented for by the Forage Departments as required; it was formerly known as A.M.F.C. 3, G."

Army Form W 3579A, "Slip to be attached to Statutory Order for completion of men who claim to have served overseas."

A distribution of this form has been made to Officers Commanding Recruiting Areas.:

Army Form W 3601, "Envelope for Will."

Supplies have been distributed to Officers i/c Records.

Army Form W 3617, "Return of Officers employed at Munition Area Recruiting Offices."

A distribution of this form has been made to Officers i/c Munition Area Recruiting Offices.

Army Form W 3620, "Application for Administrators for Permanent Staff of W.A.A.C. Hostels."

A distribution of this form has been made to Headquarters of Commands at Home.

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Army Form W 3627, "Dependant's Multiple Claim. Notification by Paymaster to War Office that soldier has been discharged or demobilized, &c." **A.O. 295**
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Supplies have been distributed to Regimental Paymasters.

Army Form W 3627A, "Dependant's Multiple Claim. Notification by Territorial Force Association to War Office that soldier has been discharged or demobilized, &c."

Supplies have been distributed to Secretaries, T.F. Associations.

Army Form W 3628, "Particulars as to correct age of youths born in 1899 and 1900."

Supplies have been sent to Officers Commanding Recruiting areas

Mobilization Store Tables.

Army Form G 1098-65B, A "General Hospital (2,080 beds)." Dated July, 1917.

Army Form G 1098-124B, "A Sanitary Section (France)." Dated July, 1917.

Army Form G 1098-241A, "A Machine-Gun Squadron, British Cavalry (France)." Dated August, 1917.

Army Form G 1098-308, "A Battery of B.L. 9·2-inch, Marks X., XIII., or XIV. Guns on Railway Mountings (France)." Dated July, 1917.

Army Form G 1098-328, "A Mountain Artillery Battery and Ammunition Column (Q.F. 3·7-inch Howitzers) (Egypt)." Dated July, 1917.

Army Form G 1098-347, "Signal Section, Corps Heavy Artillery (France)." Dated July, 1917.

Army Form G 1098-348, "A Signal Sub-Section for Heavy Artillery Group (France)." Dated, July, 1917.

Army Form G 1098-349, "A Signal Sub-Section for Army Field Artillery Brigade (France)." Dated July, 1917.

Army Form G 1098-357, "A Medium Trench Mortar Battery." Dated August, 1917.

Army Form G 1098-364, "A Stationary Hospital and Convalescent Camp, Corfu (200 Hospital Beds)." Dated July, 1917.

Army Form G 1098-368, "An Auxiliary (Horse) Company, A.S.C. (Lines of Communication) (one-horsed vehicles)." Dated July, 1917.

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A.O. 295 Army Form G 1098-369, "Workshop (A.S.C.) for
1917 Mechanical Transport Units with Director-General
continued. of Transportation." Dated July, 1917.

Army Form G 1098-370, "A Reserve Park Section for
Cavalry Corps Troops." Dated July, 1917.

Army Form G 1098-371, "A (Divisional) or an (Area)
Employment Company, Labour Corps." Dated July,
1917.

Army Form G 1098-372, "Mechanical Transport Com-
pany, A.S.C., for 6-inch, Mark VII., Gun Battery
(Salonika)." Dated July, 1917.

Army Form G 1098-373, "A Depot Special Brigade,
R.E. (France)." Dated August, 1917.

Army Form G 1098-374, "Headquarters of Special
Companies, R.E., with an Army (France)." Dated
July, 1917.

Army Form G 1098-375, "A Special Company
(Cylinders), R.E. (France)." Dated August, 1917.

Army Form G 1098-376, "A Special Company
(Mortars), R.E. (France)." Dated August, 1917.

Army Form G 1098-377, "Headquarters for a group of
Railway Construction Companies (France)." Dated
July, 1917.

Mobilization Store Tables (T.F.).

Army Form G 1099-33, "An Army Signal Company
(Home)." Dated June, 1917.

A distribution of the above specified Mobilization
Store Tables has been made to A.Ds.O.S. of Commands
and Chief Ordnance Officers concerned.

Corrigenda.

Corrigenda to Army Forms G 1098-38D and —115.

A distribution has been made to all concerned.

Army Book 430, "Schedule of Payments by Postal
Draft."

A distribution of this book has been made to
Regimental Paymasters.

Army Forms revised.

3. The following Army Forms have been revised.
Previous prints are obsolete and should be wasted:—

Army Form L 1370, "Indent for Army Books, &c.,
on payment; T.F. Associations."

Army Form L 1371, "Indent for Army Forms and
Books on payment required in connection with
Voluntary Aid."

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Army Form G 1098-33c, "A Squadron—Royal Flying Corps." Dated July, 1917, 1917
continued.

Army Form G 1098-79A, "A Field Bakery (one per three Divisions)." Dated July, 1917.

Army Form G 1098-109 "A Heavy Artillery Battery and Ammunition Column (R.G.A.) (2, 4 or 6 B.L. 60-pr. guns)." Dated August, 1917.

(This table cancels Army Form G 1098-109b, dated September, 1916, and Army Form G 1098-109c, dated December, 1916.)

Army Form G 1098-152, "Headquarters, Corps Heavy Artillery, France." Dated July, 1917.

Army Form G 1098-190, "Heavy Artillery Group, Headquarters (France)." Dated July, 1917.

Army Form G 1098-281, "A Field Artillery Brigade (France)." Dated July, 1917.

Army Form G 1098-296, "A Quarrying Company, R.E. (France)." Dated July 1917.

Army Form 1098-318, "A Reserve Park, Cavalry Division." Dated July, 1917.

Mobilization Store Tables (T.F.).

Army Form G 1099-1A, "Headquarters of a Cyclist Brigade." Dated August, 1917.

Army Form G 1099-3, "Headquarters of a Cyclist Division (Home). Dated August, 1917.

(This Table supersedes Army Form G 1099-3 for "Headquarters of a Mounted Division (T.F.) (1st and 2nd Line, Home)." Dated October, 1915.)

Army Form G 1099-27A, "Headquarters of Cyclist Divisional Army Service Corps (Home). Dated August, 1917.

(This Table supersedes Army Form G 1099-27A for "Headquarters of Mounted Divisional Army Service Corps (T.F.)." Dated October, 1915.)

A distribution of the above-mentioned Mobilization Store Tables has been made to A.Ds.O.S. and Chief Ordnance Officers concerned.

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In the reprint of Army Form F 756, "Requisition for Transport," the colour of the paper is pink instead of salmon. This, however, does not necessitate wastage. Any copies on hand of the salmon colour should therefore be utilized.

Army Forms cancelled.

4. The following Army Forms have been cancelled:—
Army Form G 1096-90, "Schedule for B.E. 2 E Aeroplane."
Army Form G 1098-284; "Special Brigade, R.E."
Dated October, 1916.

This Table is superseded by G 1098-373, 374, 375 and 376.

Army Form G 1099-21, "Mobilization Store Table for Mounted Divisional Signal Squadron (T.F.), 1st Line (Home Service) and 2nd Line." Dated October, 1915.

Erratum.—Army Order V. of 18th August, 1917. In the heading to the First Schedule for "soldiers" read "officers."

LIST OF CHANGES IN WAR MATÉRIEL, &c.

A list of changes in war matériel and patterns of military stores which have been approved and sealed, with instructions relating thereto, is issued herewith to all concerned.

Lists of amended and additional rates for the Priced Vocabulary of Stores, Parts I. and II., have been approved and copies will be issued to all concerned.

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By Command of the Army Council,



APPENDIX TO ARMY ORDER 268.

ROYAL WARRANT.

Royal Warrant for the Retired Pay of Officers disabled, and for the Pensions of the Families and Relatives of Officers deceased, and for the Pensions of Nurses disabled, in consequence of the present war.

GEORGE R.I.

WHEREAS WE deem it expedient to consolidate and amend the provisions concerning the retired pay of officers disabled, the pensions of the families and relatives of officers deceased, and the pensions of nurses disabled, in consequence of the present war, and to provide for their administration by Our Minister of Pensions, in accordance with the Ministry of Pensions Act, 1916 ;

OUR WILL AND PLEASURE is that this Our Warrant shall, except in the cases stated in the Warrant of Her Majesty Queen Victoria of the 27th October, 1884, be established and obeyed as the sole authority in the matters herein treated of ; and that Our Minister of Pensions shall be the sole administrator and interpreter of this Our Warrant and shall be empowered to issue such detailed instructions in reference thereto as he may from time to time deem necessary.

THIS OUR WARRANT shall apply to all officers and their relatives whose claims to retired pay, pensions or grants of the nature dealt with therein arise out of the present war, and to members of Our Nursing Services hereinafter specified whose claims similarly arise, and it shall have effect from 1st April, 1917. In the case of such persons whose claims to retired pay, pensions or gratuities have been dealt with or arose under previous Warrants the terms of this Our Warrant may, if more beneficial to them, be applied with retrospective effect from the above date, on such dates as Our Minister of Pensions may find it practicable and convenient to re-assess their claims in accordance with instructions to be issued by him. Such instructions shall also regulate the assessment of any case in which a gratuity has been granted and shall determine the manner in which any arrears shall be paid.

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The retired pay of an officer or pension of a nurse who has served as such before the date of this Our Warrant may be assessed under the terms of Our previous Warrants regulating retired pay or pensions if more favourable to him or her than this Our Warrant; and no grant to an officer or to the family or relatives of an officer, or to a member of Our Nursing Services, shall be re-assessed to their disadvantage; and any widow, child or dependant of an officer promoted from the ranks during the war shall not be less favourably treated than if the officer had continued to serve as a soldier.

PART I.—OFFICERS DISABLED.

1. (1) *Retired pay for disabled officers on account of disablement.*—An officer who retires, relinquishes his commission, or is placed in the Territorial Force Reserve, on account of medical unfitness certified as either attributable to or aggravated by military service in consequence of the present war, and not being due to his serious negligence or misconduct, may be granted the retired pay shown in the First Schedule to this Our Warrant which corresponds to the degree of his disablement as certified.

Quartermasters, Assistant Paymasters, and Inspectors of Army Schools, retired for disability may be treated as Lieutenants.

(2) *If holding a permanent commission.*—If the officer holds a permanent commission in Our Regular Forces, he may be granted either (a) the retired pay or gratuity which would have been awarded to him under Our Warrant of 1st December, 1914, for the Pay, Non-effective Pay, &c., of Our Army on retirement on account of medical unfitness caused by military service with an addition as in the last column of the First Schedule to this Our Warrant, or (b) the retired pay which would have been awarded under that schedule to an officer holding only a temporary commission according to the degree of his disablement, whichever is more favourable.

(3) *If in receipt of pension as a soldier.*—If the officer is in receipt of a service pension as a soldier and does not hold a permanent commission in Our Regular Forces, he may be granted either (a) that pension with an addition for his disability as in the last column of the First Schedule to this Our Warrant, or (b) the

retired pay for which he is eligible under that schedule according to the degree of disablement, whichever is more favourable.

(4) *If in receipt of wounds pensions.*—If a disabled officer is in receipt of wounds gratuity or pension, he shall only be eligible for retired pay at the rate and under the conditions laid down in Our Warrant of 1st December, 1914, for the Pay, Appointment, Promotion and Non-effective Pay of Our Army, unless that retired pay and the wounds gratuity or pension together amount to less than the retired pay to which he would be entitled under this Our Warrant. In that case an amount equal to the deficiency may be added to his retired pay.

(5) *If totally blinded in action.*—An officer who has lost the sight of both eyes as the result of wounds received in action shall be granted not less than 300% a year in wounds pension and retired pay taken together.

(6) *If already receiving pension or retired pay.*—Subject to sub-sections (3) and (4) of this Article, if a disabled officer is already in receipt of pension or retired pay as a soldier or an officer it shall be suspended so long as he is receiving a higher rate under this Our Warrant.

(7) *Disabled after retirement.*—If an officer on or after general demobilization, or after retirement, or relinquishing his commission, or transfer to or reversion to the Reserve, otherwise than for misconduct or at his own request, is certified to be disabled by wounds, injuries, or disease attributable to or aggravated by military service in the present war, such disablement not having been caused or aggravated by his serious negligence or misconduct, he may be granted retired pay or gratuity as if he had retired as medically unfit for further service upon the date from which his claim is established.

2. (1) *Allowances for children of disabled officers.*—In cases of pecuniary need Our Minister of Pensions may, at his discretion, grant to a disabled officer who is in receipt of retired pay under Article 1 of this Our Warrant an education allowance not exceeding 50% a year in respect of each child above the age of 9. The continuance of the allowance shall depend upon the continuance of the retired pay, and on Our Minister of Pensions being satisfied as to the education the child is receiving. It shall not be granted to an officer receiving an alternative pension under Article 3.

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(2) In any case in which, in the opinion of Our Minister of Pensions, it may become necessary to secure the proper care of a child on behalf of whom an education allowance is payable, the allowance instead of being paid to the parent may be administered under such conditions as Our Minister of Pensions may determine.

3. *Alternative retired pay for disabled officers.*—An officer who makes application and shows that the retired pay which he has been granted under the preceding Articles of this Our Warrant, together with any wound gratuity or pension of which he is in receipt, together with the average earnings (if any) of which he remains capable, are less than his pre-war earnings, may be granted temporarily or permanently in lieu of such retired pay, retired pay which, together with the wound gratuity or pension and the average earnings (if any) of which he is judged capable, shall not exceed his pre-war earnings up to a maximum of 300% a year, plus half any pre-war earnings between 300% and 600% a year.

4. (1) *Temporary awards to disabled officers.*—If an officer's disablement is not permanent, the grant of retired pay and allowances under the foregoing Articles shall be temporary, and shall not be made permanent unless the permanency of the disablement is established.

(2) *Permanent awards to disabled officers.*—When an officer's retired pay has been made permanent, it shall not be altered on account of any change in his earning capacity, whether resulting from training or other cause, neither shall it be subject to review except—

(a) When an officer whose retired pay is assessed under Article I of this Our Warrant claims that there has been a substantial increase in the extent of the disablement due to the original cause.

(b) When an officer, whose retired pay is assessed under Articles 1 and 2 of this Our Warrant, shows that it would be more advantageous to him to be assessed under Article 3.

5. *Conditions as to undergoing treatment.*—Half the retired pay awarded under the preceding Articles may be subject to the condition that the disabled officer shall undergo medical treatment in a sanatorium, hospital, convalescent home or otherwise, for any period during which it is certified that such treatment is necessary in his interests.

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6. *Grants to disabled officers undergoing treatment.*—An officer in receipt of retired pay under this Our Warrant may be granted in addition to that pay—

- (a) The difference (if any) between that pay and retired pay at the rate for the highest degree of disablement for any period during which he is certified to require special medical treatment in a sanatorium, hospital, convalescent home, or other institution, a deduction of such an amount and under such conditions as Our Minister of Pensions may determine being made from the officer's retired pay on account of the cost of his maintenance in the institution.
- (b) Actual necessary medical and other expenses incidental to treatment in respect of the disability for which he was retired up to such amount and subject to such conditions as Our Minister of Pensions may determine.
- (c) If disabled in the highest degree, an allowance not exceeding 78*l.* a year in any case where the constant attendance of a second person is necessary.

7. *Grants to disabled officers undergoing training.*—An officer in receipt of retired pay under this Our Warrant may be granted in addition to that pay—

- (a) The difference, if any, between that pay and retired pay at the rate for the highest degree of disablement for any period during which he is prevented from earning his living by undergoing training in a technical institution or otherwise which in the opinion of Our Minister of Pensions would benefit him ;
- (b) An allowance to cover fees in respect of training up to such amount and subject to such conditions as the Minister may determine.

8. *Gratuities for minor disablements.*—In any case where the degree of disablement is assessed at less than 20 per cent. or where it is considered by Our Minister of Pensions more in the interests of the officer a gratuity or temporary allowance may be granted in place of any retired pay under this Our Warrant. The grant will be subject to such conditions as the Minister

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may determine and its amount will not exceed 500*l.* and will depend on the nature of the disablement and other circumstances of the case.

9. *Gratuities to officers for disablement not attributable to nor aggravated by military service.*—An officer who retires, relinquishes his commission or is placed in the Territorial Force Reserve on account of medical unfitness, such unfitness being neither attributable to nor aggravated by military service, and not being due to the serious negligence or misconduct of the officer, may be granted a gratuity or temporary allowance. The grant will be subject to such conditions as Our Minister of Pensions may determine. In exceptional circumstances it may amount to a sum not exceeding 300*l.* and generally it will depend on the extent to which the officer is incapacitated and on the other circumstances of the case.

PART II.—WIDOWS AND OTHER RELATIVES OF OFFICERS DECEASED.

10. *General conditions for pensions to officers' widows and relatives.*—Pensions and gratuities to the widows, children, and relatives of deceased officers, for which provision is made in the following Articles, shall not be claimed as a right, but shall be given as a reward of the officer's services, and no pension or gratuity shall be granted or continued to a widow or relative who, in the opinion of Our Minister of Pensions, is unworthy of Our Royal favour, and it shall be in the power of Our Minister of Pensions to terminate or suspend any pension that may have been granted to such persons or to provide for its administration under such conditions as he may determine, and his decision shall in any case be final.

11. The widow of an officer may be granted—

- (1) *Pensions to officers' widows.*—A pension as in the second column of the Second Schedule to this Our Warrant, if the officer (a) is killed in action, or suffers violent death due directly or wholly to war service, or is killed or dies of injuries sustained on flying duty or while being carried on duty in aircraft under proper authority, or dies within seven years from wounds or injuries so received, or (b) dies from illness which is certified as directly traceable to fatigue, privation, or

exposure incident to active operations in the field within seven years after having been first removed from duty on account of such illness, or (c) dies in consequence of injuries received in the performance of military duty otherwise than under (a) within seven years after having been so injured.

- (2) A pension as in the third column of the Second Schedule to this Our Warrant if the officer (a) dies of disease attributable to or aggravated by military service other than under sub-section (1) (b) of this Article within seven years after having been first removed from duty on account of such disease, or (b) dies of injuries attributable to military service other than under sub-sections (1) (a) or (1) (c) of this Article, and not through his own serious negligence or misconduct, within seven years after having been first removed from duty on account of such injuries.

- (3) *Gratuities to officers' widows.*—A gratuity addition to pension as in the fourth column of that schedule, if the officer dies in the circumstances referred to in sub-section (1) (a) of this Article.

12. *Children's allowances to officers' widows.*—(1) The widow of an officer awarded a pension under Article 11 (1) of this Our Warrant may be granted a further allowance as in the fifth column of the Second Schedule to this Our Warrant, and a widow awarded a pension under Article 11 (2), a further allowance as in the sixth column of that schedule, for each child maintained by her.

These allowances may be granted or continued up to the age of 18 in the case of sons and up to the age of 21 in the case of daughters, unless the child is otherwise provided for or marries, and may be granted or further continued after the age of 18 in the case of a son who is an apprentice receiving not more than nominal wages, or is being educated at a secondary school, technical institute, or university.

(2) The above allowances may also be granted or continued after the specified ages in very special cases in which it is shown that (a) the children became afflicted during the officer's lifetime with some mental or bodily infirmity rendering them dependent upon

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him, and incapable of making adequate exertion for their own support ; (b) that such incapacity dates from a period before the children reached the limit of age ; and (c) that they are in distressed circumstances. The allowances may be granted or continued for such term as Our Minister of Pensions may decide.

(3) A gratuity of one-third of the amount laid down in the fourth column of the Second Schedule to this Our Warrant may be granted in addition to children's allowance for each child if the officer dies in the circumstances referred to in Article 11 (1) (a).

(4) The widow of an officer awarded a pension under Article 11 may, if in pecuniary need, be granted at the discretion of Our Minister of Pensions an education allowance not exceeding 35% a year for each child above the age of 9. The continuance of the allowance shall depend on the Minister being satisfied as to the education the child is receiving. It shall not be granted to a widow receiving an alternative pension under Article 13.

(5) In any case in which, in the opinion of Our Minister of Pensions, it may become necessary to secure the proper care of a child on behalf of whom allowances are payable, the allowances, instead of being paid to the widow, may be administered under such conditions as Our Minister of Pensions may determine.

13. *Alternative pension to officers' widows.*—A widow pensioned under the conditions set forth in Article 11 of this Our Warrant, who makes application and shows that she was married to the officer before the commencement of the war or of his military service, whichever was the later, and that her pension together with children's allowances (if any) which she has been granted under the two preceding Articles is less than one-half the alternative retired pay that might have been awarded to the deceased officer under Article 3 had he survived and been incapable of supplementing that pension by earnings, may be granted, in lieu of such pension and children's allowances, a pension which shall not exceed one-half of such officer's alternative retired pay.

14. *Gratuities to officers' widows where death is not attributable to or aggravated by military service.*—The widow of an officer not eligible for pension under Article 11 may be granted a gratuity of not less than

one and not more than three years' pay of the appointment held by the officer provided that :—

- (a) The officer dies while on full pay, or during the war after removal from full pay from the injury or disease for which he was removed from full pay or some closely connected disease, and there is a continuous medical history of sickness ; and
- (b) The widow is disqualified only through the insufficiency of the officer's service for an ordinary pension under the terms of Article 660 of Our Royal Warrant of the 1st December, 1914, for the Pay, Appointment, Promotion, and Non-effective Pay of Our Army.

The amount of the gratuity within the above limits shall be at the discretion of the Minister of Pensions, and may be paid in a lump sum or in instalments as he may determine. In the event of the officer leaving motherless children, a similar grant may be made to them under such conditions as the Minister of Pensions may determine.

15. *Suspension of pensions to officers' widows on re-marriage.*—Any pension granted to the widow of an officer under this Our Warrant shall cease on her re-marriage ; but in the event of her again becoming a widow, her pension may be restored, if she is otherwise qualified, and if in the opinion of Our Minister of Pensions her pecuniary circumstances are such as to justify the restoration. Allowances for children under Article 12 may be paid after re-marriage.

16. *Pensions to widows of officers on retired pay.*—A widow of an officer who was at the time of his death in receipt of retired pay in consequence of disablement of not less than 70% a year, but whose death does not render her eligible for a pension under Article 11 of this Our Warrant, may, provided she was living with the officer at the time of his death, receive a pension of not more than one-half the deceased officer's retired pay on account of his disablement, and in no case at a higher rate than provided for under sub-section (2) of that Article, this grant to be subject to such conditions as Our Minister of Pensions may determine and to cease on re-marriage.

17. *Pensions to children.*—(1) The child of an officer who has died in the circumstances set forth in Article 11 of this Our Warrant may be awarded a pension of 40%.

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a year where the child is or becomes motherless, or is not or ceases to be under the control of its mother. In the event of two or more children being maintained by one person, the amount will be reduced to 35% for each of the children after the first.

(2) The grant, continuance and administration of the pension shall be subject to the same conditions as those set forth for children's allowances in Article 12 (1), (2) and (5).

(3) A child granted a pension under sub-section (1) of this Article shall be eligible for a gratuity under the conditions of Article 12 (3), and for an education allowance under the conditions laid down in Article 12 (4).

(4) If the officer met his death in the circumstances of Article 11 (1) (a) and did not leave a widow, but daughter or daughters only, an annual allowance equal to the ordinary rate of widow's pension as laid down in Article 654 of Our Royal Warrant of the 1st December, 1914, for the Pay, Appointment, Promotion, and Non-effective Pay of Our Army, may be granted to the daughter or daughters collectively instead of the pension under sub-section (1) above. This allowance may be continued until the daughter, or the last surviving daughter, becomes disqualified by marriage.

18. *General conditions for pensions to officers' relatives.*—The following conditions shall apply to the grant or continuance of pensions to the relatives, other than widows and children, of deceased officers under Articles 19 and 21 below :—

- (1) It shall be granted only if the officer dies in the circumstances set forth in Article 11 (1) or (2) of this Our Warrant.
- (2) It shall be granted or continued only if the pecuniary or other circumstances of the relative are such as in the opinion of Our Minister of Pensions to justify the award.
- (3) It shall not, together with any other pension or similar provision from public funds, exceed the pension which has been or would have been awarded to the officer's widow under Article 11 (1) or (2) and the Second Schedule to this Our Warrant.
- (4) It shall not be transferable, except that where it is granted jointly to parents, or to two or more sisters or brothers, it may be continued, wholly or in part, to the survivors.
- (5) It shall cease on marriage or re-marriage.

19. *Pensions to officers' parents.*—(1) A pension may be granted to the parent or parents of an officer of such an amount as the Minister of Pensions may decide, subject to the conditions of Article 18 and such other conditions as he may determine, regard being had to pre-war dependence, if any, and to the age or infirmity of the parent or parents.

(2) A pension, under the same conditions, may be granted in respect of each son who has died in the circumstances set forth in Article 11, subject to the limit laid down in Article 18 (3).

20. *Gratuities to parents.*—A gratuity not exceeding the value of one year's widow's pension may be granted to the parent or parents jointly of an officer, at the discretion of Our Minister of Pensions in special cases where the conditions for pensions laid down in the two preceding Articles are not fulfilled.

21. *Pensions to officers' sisters or brothers.*—(1) A pension may be granted to the sister or brother (or sisters or brothers) of an officer, provided they were wholly or partially dependent on him for support. The pension shall be of such an amount as Our Minister of Pensions may decide, subject to the conditions of Article 18 and such other conditions as he may determine, and shall not be granted or continued to a brother after the age of 18, or to a sister after the age of 21, unless he or she is unfitted by age or infirmity to earn his or her living.

(2) A pension under the same conditions may be granted in respect of each brother who has died in the circumstances set forth in Article 11, subject to the limit laid down in Article 18 (3).

22. *Gratuities to officers' sisters or brothers.*—A gratuity not exceeding one-half the value of one year's widow's pension may, at the discretion of Our Minister of Pensions, be granted to the sisters or brothers jointly in special cases where the conditions for pensions laid down in Articles 18 and 21 are not fulfilled.

PART III.—NURSES DISABLED.

23. *Disablement pensions to nurses.*—(1) A member of Our Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, of Our Army Nursing Service Reserve, and of Our Territorial Force Nursing Service (hereinafter referred to as a nurse) who retires on account of medical unfitness certified as either attributable to or aggravated

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by military service in consequence of the present war and not being due to her serious negligence or misconduct, may be granted the pension shown in the Third Schedule to this Our Warrant which corresponds to the degree of disablement as certified.

(2) A nurse who is eligible for or in receipt of a pension under the terms of Our Royal Warrant of the 1st December, 1914, for the Pay, Appointment, Promotion, and Non-effective Pay of Our Army, may be granted (a) such pension together with an addition as shown in the last column of the Third Schedule of this Our Warrant, or (b) the pension provided by that Schedule for her rank and degree of disablement, whichever be more favourable.

24. *Temporary awards to disabled nurses.*—(1) If a nurse's disablement is not permanent, the grant of a pension under the foregoing Article shall be temporary, and shall not be made permanent unless the permanency of the disablement is established.

(2) *Permanent awards to disabled nurses.*—When a nurse's pension has been made permanent it shall not be altered on account of any change in her earning capacity, whether resulting from training or other cause, neither shall it be subject to review except when she claims that there has been a substantial increase in the extent of disablement due to the original cause.

25. *Conditions as to undergoing treatment.*—Half the pension awarded under the preceding Articles may be subject to the condition that the disabled nurse shall undergo medical treatment in a sanatorium, hospital, convalescent home, or otherwise, for any period during which it is certified that such treatment is necessary in her interests.

26. *Grants to disabled nurses undergoing treatment.*—A nurse in receipt of a pension under this Our Warrant may be granted in addition to that pension—

- (a) The difference (if any) between that pension and a pension at the rate for the highest degree of disablement for any period during which she is certified to require special medical treatment in a sanatorium, hospital, convalescent home or other institution, a deduction of such an amount and under such conditions as Our Minister of Pensions may determine being made from the nurse's pension on account of the cost of her maintenance in the institution;

(b) Actual necessary medical and other expenses incidental to treatment in respect of the disability for which she was retired up to such amount and subject to such conditions as Our Minister of Pensions may determine ;

(c) If disabled in the highest degree an allowance not exceeding 52*l.* a year in any case where the constant attendance of a second person is necessary.

27. *Grants to disabled nurses undergoing training.*—A nurse in receipt of pension under this Our Warrant may be granted in addition to that pension—

(a) The difference, if any, between that pension and pension at the rate for the highest degree of disablement for any period during which she is prevented from earning her living by undergoing training in a technical institution or otherwise which in the opinion of Our Minister of Pensions would benefit her ;

(b) An allowance to cover fees in respect of training up to such amount and subject to such conditions as the Minister may determine.

28. *Minor disablement gratuities to nurses.*—In any case where the degree of disablement is assessed at less than 20 per cent., or where it is considered by Our Minister of Pensions more in the interests of the nurse, a gratuity or temporary allowance may be granted in place of any pension under this Our Warrant. The grant will be subject to such conditions as Our Minister of Pensions may determine and its amount will not exceed 300*l.* and will depend on the nature of the disablement and the other circumstances of the case.

29. *Gratuities to nurses for disablement not attributable to or aggravated by military service.*—A nurse who retires on account of medical unfitness certified to be neither attributable to nor aggravated by military service may be granted a gratuity or temporary allowance. The grant will be subject to such conditions as Our Minister of Pensions may determine. In exceptional circumstances it may amount to a sum not exceeding 200*l.* and generally it will depend on the extent to which the nurse is incapacitated and on the other circumstances of the case.

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PART IV.—GENERAL PROVISIONS.

30. *Definitions.*—In this Our Warrant, unless the context otherwise requires :—

- (1) *Officer.*—“Officer” means a commissioned officer whether holding a permanent or temporary or local commission in Our Regular or Reserve Forces or of the Territorial Force, who has served and been in receipt of military pay as such during some period of the present war, but shall not include any officer of Our Indian Army, or any officer of Dominion, Colonial, or Protectorate forces, whether raised for local or general service, unless the terms of his service have been made to include the pension rights of the Regular Army.
- (2) *Widow.*—“Widow” means the widow of an officer whose marriage took place before the receipt of the wound or injury which caused his death, or before his removal from duty on account of the contraction or aggravation of the disease which caused his death; provided that the widow of a permanent regular officer married after such date shall not forfeit pension or gratuity if he survives his marriage by at least one year or it can be shown that he was manifestly in good health at the date of his marriage.
- (3) *Child.*—“Child” means the legitimate child of an officer born before or within nine months after his retirement, relinquishment of his commission, or removal to the Territorial Force Reserve, and may include a step-child regularly maintained by him; but shall not include a child whose mother is excluded by (2) above.
- (4) *Parent.*—“Parent” includes a grandparent or other person who has been in the place of a parent to an officer, and has wholly or mainly supported him for not less than one year at some time before the commencement of the war.
- (5) *Pre-war earnings.*—“Pre-war earnings” means the average earnings of an officer during the twelve months preceding the commencement of the war, or such lesser period as he was

employed and shall be computed generally in such manner as is best calculated to give the rate at which he was being remunerated, and so far as may be applicable, in the same manner as for the purposes of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1903. In the case of a man in trade, business or profession, the average profits of the last three years preceding the commencement of the war shall be taken, or of such lesser period as he engaged therein.

- (6) *Dependence*.—"Pre-war dependence" means the amount representing the annual value of the support afforded to, or of benefits conferred upon a relative by an officer for a reasonable period immediately preceding the commencement of the war or of his military service, if later, exclusive, however, of any increase thereof due to circumstances arising out of the war, in the case of entry into service or commission subsequent to the commencement of the war, and shall include the following:—

- (a) Amount regularly contributed by the officer if he received no material benefits in return therefor.
- (b) Amount regularly contributed by the officer in excess of expenditure incurred on his account.
- (c) Money value of any benefit conferred upon the relative by the officer.

- (7) *Certified*.—"Certified" means, in respect of any medical certification certified by a medical officer or Board of Medical Officers appointed for the purpose by the Army Council or by the Minister of Pensions.

31. *Temporary and acting rank*.—The rate of retired pay or pension or gratuity granted under Part I. or II. of this Our Warrant may be determined according to the temporary or acting rank held by the officer at the time he was killed, wounded, injured, or removed from duty in consequence of disablement.

32. *Warrant retained in operation*.—Except as modified by this Our Warrant, any general conditions governing the grant, issue and administration of retired pay to officers and of pensions to their families and to

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nurses laid down in Our Royal Warrant of the 1st December, 1914, for the Pay, Appointment, Promotion and Non-effective Pay of Our Army and in subsequent Royal Warrants shall remain in force and be applicable to grants made under this Our Warrant.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this 1st day of August, 1917, in the 8th year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

GEORGE N. BARNES.

FIRST SCHEDULE.**RETIRED PAY TO DISABLED OFFICERS.**

(1) Degree of Disablement.	(2) Percentage Degree of Disablement.	Retired Pay on account of Disablement.						
		Officers not holding Permanent Commissions in Regular Forces.					Officers holding Permanent Commissions in Regular Forces.	
		Major-General	Brigadier-General	Colonel	Lieutenant-Colonel	Major	Captain, Lieutenant, or Second Lieutenant.	All Ranks.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
	Per cent.	£	£ s.	£ s.	£	£ s.	£ s.	£
1	100	350	325 0	275 0	250	225 0	175 0	100
2	80	280	280 0	220 0	200	180 0	140 0	80
3	70	245	227 10	192 10	175	157 10	122 10	70
4	60	210	195 0	165 0	150	135 0	105 0	60
5	50	175	162 10	137 10	125	112 10	87 10	50
6	40	140	130 0	110 0	100	90 0	70 0	40
7	30	105	97 10	82 10	75	67 10	52 10	30
8	20	70	65 0	55 0	50	45 0	35 0	20

In addition to retired pay under Royal Warrant of 1st December, 1914.

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SECOND SCHEDULE.

PENSIONS, GRATUITIES, AND ALLOWANCES TO OFFICERS' WIDOWS AND CHILDREN.

Rank.	Widow's Pension.		Widow's Gratuity.	Children's Allowance.	
(1)	Art. 11 (1). (2)	Art. 11 (2). (3)	Art. 11 (3). (4)	Art. 12 (1). (5) (6)	
	£	£	£	£	£
Field-Marshal	800	600	3,500	30	25
General	600	450	3,000	30	25
Lieut.-General	500	375	2,000	30	25
Major-General	400	300	1,100	30	25
Brigadier-General	300	225	900	30	25
*Colonel	200	150	600	24	20
†Lieut.-Colonel	180	135	450	24	20
Major	140	105	300	24	20
Captain	100	75	250	24	20
Lieutenant	100	75	140	24	20
Second Lieutenant	100	75	100	24	20

* Colonel means a Colonel who has been employed as a substantive Colonel if a combatant officer, or in the rank of Colonel if a medical, veterinary, or departmental officer.

† Including a Colonel not employed as above.

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Degree of Disablement.	Percentage degree of Disablement.	Disablement Pension. If not entitled to Service Pension.			Addition to Service Pension if entitled to such.
		Principal Matron or Matron in Chief.	Matron.	Staff Nurse or Sister.	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
	per cent.	£ s.	£ s.	£	£ s.
1	100	175 0	125 0	100	75 0
2	80	140 0	100 0	80	60 0
3	70	122 10	87 10	70	52 10
4	60	105 0	75 0	60	45 0
5	50	87 10	62 10	50	37 10
6	40	70 0	50 0	40	30 0
7	30	52 10	37 10	30	22 10
8	20	35 0	25 0	20	15 0

The following Note on the above Royal Warrant has been received for publication from the Ministry of Pensions :—

A new Royal Warrant has received His Majesty's sanction dealing with pensions of disabled officers, officers' families, and nurses. It is applicable to past as well as future cases arising out of the present war, but has effect as regards pensions from the 1st April, 1917. The Minister of Pensions wishes to impress on all concerned that the task of reconsidering and re-assessing past cases under the terms of the new regulations is a large one, and must necessarily take some time. He would, therefore, earnestly ask that his department may be spared from having to deal with unnecessary letters.

Officers need *not* apply to have their retired pay re-assessed. Retired pay current on or after the 1st April will, if the new terms are more favourable to the officer, be re-assessed *without application* with effect from that date, or from the date of grant if later. It will be some time, however, before all cases can be dealt with.

Cases in which gratuities have been granted to officers, or no grant has been made, can only be reconsidered on application in writing to the Secretary, Ministry of Pensions, Westminster House, Millbank, S.W. 1. The regiment, the date of retirement, and the number and date of any official letter dealing with the case should be given. (The Ministry are not concerned with wound gratuities or pensions, which are dealt with by the War Office).

The two preceding paragraphs apply, with the necessary modifications, to disabled Army nurses.

The pensions of widows and children of officers in any cases affected by the new regulations will be reassessed *without application*. The review of past cases must, however, occupy several months. The cases of motherless children will also be taken up *without application* from their guardians. Claims to education allowances (the minimum age for which is reduced to 9) will be reconsidered on application.

Cases of other relatives of officers who have been refused pensions under previous regulations will be reviewed on application in writing to the Ministry of Pensions, Westminster House, Millbank, S.W. 1, reference being made to any previous correspondence and the official registered number being quoted.

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VOLUNTARY AID DETACHMENTS.

Counties, &c., are arranged in alphabetical order.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

No.	Detachment.	Classification.	By whom organized.
22	Caermarthen ...	Women's ...	St. John Ambulance Brigade.
24	Denbigh ...	" ...	British Red Cross Society.
26	Glamorgan ...	" ...	
222	Hertford ...	" ...	
60	Kent ...	Men's ...	
61	Lancashire, East ...	" ...	St. John Ambulance Brigade.
73	London, City of ...	Women's ...	
271	" " ...	Men's ...	British Red Cross Society.
23	" " ...	" ...	
25	" " ...	" ...	
27	" " ...	" ...	
29	" County of ...	Women's ...	St. John Ambulance Association.
296	" " ...	" ...	
298	Monmouth ...	" ...	
26	Nottingham ...	" ...	
122	Somerset ...	Men's ...	British Red Cross Society.
37	Stafford* ...	Women's ...	
26	" " ...	" ...	
112	Warwick ...	" ...	
88	Yorkshire, West Riding. ...	Men's ...	St. John Ambulance Brigade.
53	" " ...	Women's ...	St. John Ambulance Association.
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* In place of detachment disbanded.

SCOTLAND.

18	Argyll ...	Women's ...	British Red Cross Society (Scottish Branch).
1	Bute ...	Men's... ...	
16	Clackmannan ...	Women's ...	
5	Forfar ...	Men's... ...	

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IRELAND.

No.	Detachment.	Classification.	By whom organized.
84	Belfast ...	Women's ...	St. John Ambulance Association.
1	Londonderry ...	Men's ...	
28	Tyrone ...	Women's ...	
30	" ...	" ...	
4	Wexford ...	" ...	

A Reserve Voluntary Aid Detachment, designated Reserve Voluntary Aid Detachment, County of, has been registered for each of the undermentioned counties, viz. :—

ENGLAND AND WALES.

Carnarvonshire.
Cheshire.
Hampshire.

Hertfordshire.
Somersetshire.
Yorkshire, West Riding.

IRELAND.

Longford.

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